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Martinez Convicted for Sidney Shooting Death of Mandy Kershman

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced Larry Martinez, 54, of Sidney was convicted by jury in Cheyenne County District Court for the 2012 death of Mandy Kershman, 30. He was found guilty on one count of first-degree murder, a Class IA felony and one count of use of a firearm to commit a felony, a Class IC felony. He faces a life sentence for the murder charge.

“This man shot and killed Mandy Kershman,” said Bruning. “Hopefully, today’s conviction will bring a sense of closure for Mandy’s family and friends.”

In July 2012, Martinez claimed he had become angry after receiving a text message from the victim. Martinez shot Kershman at the home of a friend after confronting her about the text. She died at the scene.

The victim’s family confirmed Kershman and Martinez previously had been involved in a relationship.

Sentencing is set for May 7, 2014.

Assistant Attorneys General Sandra Allen and Mike Guinan are handling the case in coordination with Cheyenne County Attorney Paul Schaub.

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